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TO: DIRECTOR.

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SLUGS: WNINTEL RYBAT GTDANCER

SUBJECT: STATION ACTIVITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1996

REF: MINSK 16093 96 5992714

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: HQS COMMENTS WELCOME.

2. FOLLOWING IS MINSK STATION ACTIVITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1996. REF REPRESENTS STATION ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 23-30 SEPTEMBER. SEE ALSO STATION'S OCTOBER REPORT ON CI/SECURITY.

3. LIAISON OPERATIONS

-- JYVAPOROUS: STATION REPORTED ON GENERAL TOPICS RE CPIC CONTACT WITH BND, MEETINGS, ETC. (MINSK 15872, 15904, 15988, 15937, 16016).

O DEMARCHE: COS RECEIVED A DEMARCHE FROM DC/JYVAPOROUS RE NVTAG PITCH AND SURVEILLANCE ON THE BELARUS CG IN NEW YORK. IN ADDITION, THEY CHARGED STATION HAD AT LEAST 15 OFFICERS IN BELARUS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS "CONDUCTING OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY" WHO WERE NOT DECLARED BY COS. THESE PROBABLY REPRESENT SVVITAMIN TDYERS. (MINSK 15891, 15899, 15915, 16020, 16026)

O REFERENDUM: COS SUBMITTED TWO REPORTS BASED ON JYVAPOROUS CONTACTS RE THE REFERENDUM CRISIS IN BELARUS (MINSK 15944/EBM-00070, 15945, 15958/EBM-00072, 15959).
O BSNIC: STATION PROVIDED EXTENSIVE SUPPORT FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF TWO JYVAPOROUS OFFICERS AT BSNIC V AND DEBRIEF (MINSK 15892, 15897, 15982)

-- JYPICKET: GENERAL REPORTING ON MEETINGS, PASSING ON

BSNIC, ASSISTANCE (MINSK 15995, 15942, 15992, 16031).

O REFERENDUM: FOR THE FIRST TIME, JYPICKET/2 STEPPED OUT OF HIS BRIEF AND PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT REPORT PREDICTING THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL COMPROMISE (MINSK 15952/EBM-00071, 15953) HE ALSO OFFERED TO BROKER INTRODUCTIONS FOR COS TO NSC OFFICIALS HE KNOWS.

4. GENERAL OPS SUPPORT:

-- STATION PROVIDED HEADS UP RE TRAVEL OF A SENSITIVE ASSET WHICH RESULTED IN EXCELLENT REPORTING (MINSK 1124).

-- STATION RESPONDED TO WARSAW CABLE RE UOP/CI REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON BELARUSIANS AND VIENNA REQUEST FOR TRACES (MINSK 16029, 15994)

5. HQS REQUIREMENTS/SUPPORT

-- STATION PROVIDED GROUND TRUTH AND SITUATIONAL AWARENESS REPORTING ON MINSK DURING REFERENDUM CONGRESS' IN MINSK (MINSK 15967/EBM-00073, 15968, 15977/EBM-00074, 15978)

-- STATION PROVIDED ATMOSPHERIC CABLES TO HQS SURROUNDING THE REFERENDUM SITUATION, NATO AMBASSADORS SCANDAL, AND NUCLEAR ICBM WITHDRAWAL (MINSK 15960, 15961, 15969, 15882, 15884, 16005).

-- STATION REPORTED ITS 1996 ANNUAL FIELD PROGRAM PLAN (MINSK 15930).

-- THE SIX-MONTH OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR MINSK STATION WAS SUBMITTED TO HQS (MINSK 15873).
-- STATION RESEARCHED AND PROVIDED COMMENTS ON SEVERAL INTELS UTA-00147, EAV-18791, CNY-03569 (MINSK 15881, 15928, 16017).

-- LIAISON RECORD REVIEW BOARD INPUT AND LIAISON EXCHANGE ISSUES (MINSK 15997, 15974)

6. EMBASSY

-- STATION RELAYED AMBASSADORIAL REQUEST FOR REGULAR UPDATES ON THE STATUS OF THE SS-25 ICBM'S IN BELARUS (MINSK 15940).

*-- STATION BROKERED CONTACT FOR EMBASSY TO SUPPORT THE<JFK>
*<ASSASSINATION>RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VISIT (MINSK 15996, 16006).

-- GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON BROKERING CONTACT FOR AMBASSADORIAL MEETING WITH C/JYVAPOROUS (MINSK 16007).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE

-- COS HOUSING: AS EXPECTED, EMBASSY LOST THE HOUSE AND OFFERED COS A CRAMPED FOURTH FLOOR APARTMENT (NO ELEVATOR), SIMILAR IN SIZE TO HIS CURRENT INADEQUATE QUARTERS. COS HAS NOW SPENT 14 MONTHS IN HIS TEMPORARY QUARTERS AND THE FAMILY SITUATION IS DIFFICULT (MINSK 15877, 15906, 15920, 15979, 16011).

-- EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION: MASSIVE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CHANCERY CONTINUES AND FOR A TWO DAY PERIOD CLOSED THE BUILDING DUE TO SUSPECTED ASBESTOS (MINSK 15898, 15905, 15916).

-- COS MADE AN EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT MEDIVAC TO VILNIUS TO HAVE SUTURES PUT IN HIS DAUGHTERS FOREHEAD (MINSK 15929).

-- THOUGH ANOTHER VEHICLE IS NEEDED, STATION FELT HAVING TWO VEHICLES IN ITO'S NAME WAS NOT A VIABLE ANSWER TO THE ABUSE HIS POV WAS SUFFERING (MINSK 15922).
-- STATION COORDINATED ON THE PROPOSED TRAVEL OF THE REGIONAL FINANCE OFFICER (MINSK 15972).

-- COORDINATION BEGAN FOR COS' TRAVEL TO CE DIVISION COS CONFERENCE (MINSK 16004).

-- BUSY MONTH WITH TDY'ERS. AS MENTIONED IN LAST MONTHS REPORT NONE HAD VISAS. INCLUDED WERE RADIATION DECTOR INTALL TEAM, FSS/SEB UPGRADE TEAM, SECURITY "RED" TEAM, WATCHSTANDERS FOR EMBASSY, AND EUCA OPS OFFICER (YEARLY INSPECTION AND CONSULTATIONS). ALTHOUGH VERY BUSY, ALL WENT WELL. EUCA OPS OFFICER IN PARTICULAR GOT A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT STATION IS FACING.

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